

**I. AMENDMENTS**

**Amendment to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph that begins at page 93, line <sup>18</sup>~~16~~ with the following paragraph:

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The discrepancy is likely to be due to a mutation at the 5' end of the placenta cDNA clone as confirmed by sequence analysis of several additional cDNA clones isolated from placenta, which like the SK-hep1 cDNA contained C at position 9 of SEQ ID NO:9.